## CLAIMS

What is Claimed is:

1. A protective layer for protecting a part against corrosion and oxidation at high temperatures, comprising a MCrAIY alloy having alloying constituents essentially consisting of:

15% to 35% chromium by weight;

7% to 18% aluminum by weight;

0% to 20% rhenium by weight; and

24% to 26% cobalt by weight, wherein M represents the cobalt and at least one of Fe and Ni, and Y represents at least one of yttrium and at least one equivalent element selected from the group consisting of scandium and rare earths.

2. The protective layer of claim 1, wherein:

the chromium content is 15% to 21% by weight,

the aluminum content is 9% to 11.5% by weight,

the rhenium content is 0.5% to 2% by weight, and

a content of the at least one of yttrium and at least one equivalent element selected from the group consisting of scandium and rare earths is 0.05% to 0.7% by weight.

3. The protective layer of claim 2, wherein:

the chromium content is 17% by weight,

the aluminum content is 10% by weight,

the rhenium content is 1.5% by weight, and

the content of the at least one of yttrium and at least one equivalent element selected from the group consisting of scandium and rare earths is 0.3% by weight.

4. The protective layer of claim 1, wherein the MCrAIY alloy protective layer comprises:

an inner MCrAIY alloy layer which faces the part; and an outer MCrAIY alloy layer which is predominantly in a  $\gamma$ -phase.

5. The protective layer of claim 1, wherein the part is a component for a gas turbine.

- 6. A protective layer for protecting a part against corrosion and oxidation at high temperatures, comprising a MCrAIY alloy having a predominantly  $\gamma$ -phase in an outer portion thereof, wherein M represents approximately 24% to 26% cobalt by weight and at least one of Fe and Ni, and Y represents at least one of yttrium and at least one equivalent element selected from the group consisting of scandium and rare earths.
- 7. The protective layer of claim 6, wherein the MCrAIY alloy protective layer comprises:

an inner MCrAIY alloy layer which faces the part; and an outer MCrAIY alloy layer, the outer MCrAIY alloy layer being the outer portion of the protective layer having the predominantly γ-phase.

- 8. The protective layer of claim 7, wherein:
  the outer MCrAIY alloy layer is a free surface portion of the inner MCrAIY alloy layer, and
  the free surface portion is a layer re-melted by at least one of electron beams and ion
  beams.
- 9. The protective layer of claim 7, wherein the outer MCrAIY alloy layer is an electrodeposited MCrAIY alloy predominately in the  $\gamma$ -phase.
  - 10. The protective layer of claim 6, wherein the MCrAIY alloy includes zirconium.
- 11. The protective layer of claim 6, wherein the MCrAIY alloy includes alloying constituents essentially consisting of:

15% to 35% chromium by weight, 7% to 18% aluminum by weight, 0% to 20% rhenium by weight, and 24% to 26% cobalt by weight.

12. The protective layer of claim 11, wherein: the chromium content is 15% to 21% by weight, the aluminum content is 9% to 11.5% by weight, the rhenium content is 0.5% to 2% by weight, and

a content of the at least one of yttrium and at least one equivalent element selected from the group consisting of scandium and rare earths is 0.05% to 0.7% by weight.

13. The protective layer of claim 12, wherein:

the chromium content is 17% by weight,

the aluminum content is 10% by weight,

the rhenium content is 1.5% by weight, and

the content of the at least one of yttrium and at least one equivalent element selected from the group consisting of scandium and rare earths is 0.3% by weight.

- 14. The protective layer of claim 6, wherein the part is a component for a gas turbine.
- 15. The protective layer of claim 6, wherein the outer portion of the protective layer is almost entirely in the  $\gamma$ -phase.
- 16. A protective layer for protecting a component against corrosion and oxidation at high temperatures, essentially consisting of:

15% to 21% by weight of chromium;

9% to 11.5% by weight of aluminum;

0% to 2 % by weight of rhenium;

24% to 26% by weight of cobalt;

0.05% to 0.7% by weight of an element selected from the group consisting of yttrium, scandium and rare earths;

0% to 1% by weight of ruthenium;

a remainder being nickel; and

production-related impurities.

17. The protective layer of claim 16, wherein:

the chromium content is 17% by weight,

the aluminum content is 10% by weight,

the rhenium content is 1.5% by weight, and

a content of the element selected from the group consisting of yttrium, scandium and rare earths is 0.3% by weight, it being possible for the contents listed to fluctuate in a manner customary in industrial production.

- 18. The protective layer of claim 16, wherein the protective layer contains so few chromium-rhenium precipitations that there is no significant embrittlement of the protective layer.
- 19. The protective layer of claim 18, wherein a volume of the chromium-rhenium precipitations is at most 6% by volume.
- 20. A protective layer for protecting a part against corrosion and oxidation at high temperatures, comprising a MCrAlY alloy having alloying constituents essentially consisting of:

15% to 35% chromium by weight;

7% to 18% aluminum by weight; and

0% to 20% rhenium by weight, wherein M represents at least one of Fe, Ni and Co, and Y represents at least one of yttrium and at least one equivalent element selected from the group consisting of scandium and rare earths.

21. The protective layer of claim 20, wherein:

the chromium content is 15% to 21% by weight,

the aluminum content is 9% to 11.5% by weight,

the rhenium content is 0.5% to 2% by weight, and

a content of the at least one of yttrium and at least one equivalent element selected from the group consisting of scandium and rare earths is 0.05% to 0.7% by weight.

22. The protective layer of claim 21, wherein:

the chromium content is 17% by weight,

the aluminum content is 10% by weight,

the rhenium content is 1.5% by weight, and

the content of the at least one of yttrium and at least one equivalent element selected from the group consisting of scandium and rare earths is 0.3% by weight.

23. The protective layer of claim 20, wherein the MCrAIY alloy protective layer comprises:

an inner MCrAlY alloy layer which faces the part; and an outer MCrAlY alloy layer which is predominantly in a  $\gamma$ -phase.

- 24. The protective layer of claim 20, wherein the part is a component for a gas turbine.
- 25. A protective layer for protecting a part against corrosion and oxidation at high temperatures, comprising a MCrAIY alloy having a predominantly  $\gamma$ -phase in an outer portion thereof, wherein M represents at least one of Fe, Ni and Co, and Y represents at least one of yttrium and at least one equivalent element selected from the group consisting of scandium and rare earths.
- 26. The protective layer of claim 25, wherein the MCrAIY alloy protective layer comprises:

an inner MCrAIY alloy layer which faces the part; and an outer MCrAIY alloy layer, the outer MCrAIY alloy layer being the outer portion of the protective layer having the predominantly γ-phase.

- 27. The protective layer of claim 26, wherein:
  the outer MCrAIY alloy layer is a free surface portion of the inner MCrAIY alloy layer, and
  the free surface portion is a layer re-melted by at least one of electron beams and ion
  beams.
- 28. The protective layer of claim 26, wherein the outer MCrAIY alloy layer is an electrodeposited MCrAIY alloy predominately in the  $\gamma$ -phase.
  - 29. The protective layer of claim 25, wherein the MCrAIY alloy includes zirconium.
- 30. The protective layer of claim 25, wherein the MCrAIY alloy includes alloying constituents essentially consisting of:

15% to 35% chromium by weight,

7% to 18% aluminum by weight, and 0% to 20% rhenium by weight.

31. The protective layer of claim 30, wherein:

the chromium content is 15% to 21% by weight,

the aluminum content is 9% to 11.5% by weight,

the rhenium content is 0.5% to 2% by weight, and

a content of the at least one of yttrium and at least one equivalent element selected from the group consisting of scandium and rare earths is 0.05% to 0.7% by weight.

32. The protective layer of claim 31, wherein:

the chromium content is 17% by weight,

the aluminum content is 10% by weight,

the rhenium content is 1.5% by weight, and

the content of the at least one of yttrium and at least one equivalent element selected from the group consisting of scandium and rare earths is 0.3% by weight.

- 33. The protective layer of claim 25, wherein the part is a component for a gas turbine.
- 34. The protective layer of claim 25, wherein the outer portion of the protective layer is almost entirely in the  $\gamma$ -phase.
- 35. A protective layer for protecting a component against corrosion and oxidation at high temperatures, essentially consisting of:

15% to 21% by weight of chromium;

9% to 11.5% by weight of aluminum;

0% to 2 % by weight of rhenium;

0.05% to 0.7% by weight of an element selected from the group consisting of yttrium, scandium and rare earths;

0% to 1% by weight of ruthenium;

a remainder selected from the group consisting of cobalt and nickel; and

production-related impurities.

36. The protective layer of claim 35, wherein:

the chromium content is 17% by weight,

the aluminum content is 10% by weight,

the rhenium content is 1.5% by weight, and

a content of the element selected from the group consisting of yttrium, scandium and rare earths is 0.3% by weight, it being possible for the contents listed to fluctuate in a manner customary in industrial production.

- 37. The protective layer of claim 35, wherein the protective layer contains so few chromium-rhenium precipitations that there is no significant embrittlement of the protective layer.
- 38. The protective layer of claim 37, wherein a volume of the chromium-rhenium precipitations is at most 6% by volume.